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APPLICANTS

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FOR

COSMETIC AND DERMATOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS

WITH A CONTENT OF CHITOSAN AND PHOSPHOLIPIDS

ART UNIT

1615

EXAMINER

G. Kishore

February 15, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

The method according to claim 4, wherein the chitosan has an average molecular weight of from 100,000 to 1,000,000 and a degree of deacetylation of > 55 to 99%. --